

# Hundreds gather at Seville Square to support Israel

by Jerry Gordon



photo credit: [Pensacola News Journal](#) reporter. Note the prescient remarks by Mike Hill, Mike Bates and this writer relative to what is going on during the Fourth War with Hamas, amid barrages of indiscriminate rocket firing from Gaza covering central and southern Israel, “Star Wars “-like Iron Dome interceptions, sectarian violence in joint Jewish Arab towns, the Temple Mount and the disputed territories of Judea and Samaria.

## Mike Hill:

Florida House Rep. Mike Hill brought the crowd to their feet when he announced a resolution to be voted on by the state House next week in support of Israel.

“What is being done to Israel is evil,” Hill said. “Israel are our allies, and they need our support. Let’s show the nation

that Florida is leading the way in support for Israel.”

**Mike Bates:**

“We’re here to stand up for the good guys,” speaker Mike Bates said Sunday. Bates co-hosts a periodic Middle East roundtable discussion on local radio.” To stand with the truth, to stand with what is right, to stand with justice. We are here to today to stand with Israel.”

**Jerry Gordon:**

Bates’ co-host and fellow speaker at Sunday’s rally, Jerry Gordon, said many Americans incorrectly perceive Israel to be the “villains” in the current fighting because national media don’t report the historical context of the conflict. He said he hopes a resolution to the fighting can be found soon but that certain conditions would have to be met.

“The only breakthrough would come if they negotiated a deal to demilitarize Gaza,” he said. “I think the chances of that are really low, unfortunately. One never knows what may happen, but certainly there is a lot of regional sentiment for that.”

What is the French expression : “Plus ça Change, Plus C’est La Même Chose “. The more things change, the more they remain the same... only worse, now.

Perhaps Pensacolians, who are allies of the sovereign Jewish nation of Israel should rise to the occasion again to bring the EMET. The truth of what is happening now with media coverage and protests around the US and the world promoting the victimhood of Palestinians caused by the Islamist extremists of Hamas seeking death to all Jews, whether in Israel or the world diaspora.